

## Sen. Franken Backs Bipartisan Effort to Hold VA Accountable for Poor Performance

Bill Seeks to Help Fix Systemic Problems Hurting Veterans in Minnesota, Across Country

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Today, U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) cosponsored bipartisan legislation to hold the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) accountable for the systemic problems that have left many of our veterans without the timely medical care they need.

The VA Management Accountability Act of 2014--a bipartisan bill originally authored by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.)--aims to improve the provision of health care and benefits to veterans across the VA by making sure senior VA officials can be held accountable.

"The VA needs to be delivering quality care to our veterans on a timely basis," said Sen. Franken. "And clearly, there's a systemic problem that the leadership in Washington has not been addressing. This commonsense, bipartisan bill will help ensure that our veterans can get the best possible treatment in a timely manner by holding the VA accountable for poor performance. The problems we've seen have shaken confidence in the VA, and we must do everything possible to restore trust. Our veterans deserve no less."

You can read more about the bill here: <https://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/2013>